



FACT SHEET



Office of Legacy Management

Background

The Paducah-Area CRO (PACRO) was established in August 1997 to mitigate the effects of DOE work force restructuring at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky. The PACRO impact area was designed to represent the counties where the majority of the Paducah work force live: McCracken, Ballard, Graves, and Marshall Counties in western Kentucky, and Massac County in southern Illinois. The PACRO is governed by a 30-member Executive Committee representing such areas as business, labor, education, and economic development from impacted counties. A General Assembly of approximately 60 members, who participate in various PACRO subcommittees, advises the Executive Committee and an 13-member Finance Committee approves all financial matters.

As of September 30, 2003, a total of \$9.8 million of 3161 funds was committed for community transition activities in the Paducah area, resulting in \$9.2 million of non-3161 funds also being committed. Of the 3161 funds commitment, almost \$6 million was spent for industrial parks, sites, and speculative buildings. A total of 1,194 jobs was created or retained, at a cost of \$7,426 per job, with an additional 1,806 jobs projected by FY 2006.

Community Success Stories

- **Entrepreneurial Program** – PACRO established a revolving low-interest loan fund of \$863,984.00. Five business loans, totaling \$340,775.00, were approved for United States Enrichment Corporation employees who lost their jobs. These five start-up businesses have initially created/retained 45 jobs.



Loan Recipient (Steak-Out)



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- **Existing Business and Industry Program** – PACRO provided seed money to create an existing business and industry program in each of the five impact counties. Over the next 2 years, the county programs will be evaluated on job retention and creation impacts, and further funds will be allocated the initiatives showing success. To date this program has created/retained 326 jobs.
- **Facility Reuse Program** – PACRO is working with DOE and on-site contractors to reuse material, as it becomes available from the plant. Since the Paducah site is still active, this has been a slow process. PACRO saved DOE \$2.5 million in cleanup costs and created/retained 10 jobs by working with a private contractor to remove 75 fluorine cells and associated on-site equipment.
- **The Industrial Parks, Sites and Speculative Buildings Program** – PACRO granted \$2,852,482 to the counties in the impact area to create five county industrial parks capable of supporting small to medium sized industries. As part of this project, PACRO created a revolving loan fund of \$2.4 million for use by each county to build a speculative building in its industrial park. PACRO has also granted \$1,400,000 to create a Regional Industrial Park to mitigate the possible down sizing of the Paducah plant. These three initiatives have created/retained 478 jobs.



Mayfield/Graves County Local
Development Corporation



Ballard County Economic &
Industrial Development Board



Paducah McCracken Industrial
Development Authority Spec Building



Marshall County/Benton Interlocal
Industrial Authority

- **Workforce Reuse Program** – PACRO and the PACE Union Local developed a Skills Assessment Database that has helped to employ 335 workers, who lost their plant jobs. These jobs were created at equal pay and benefits by encouraging cleanup activities and private-sector spin-offs at the site.

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